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PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT FOR INDIAN NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to phase out/upgrade the existing Sea Harrier Aircraft of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Navy has procured MIG-29 series of Naval Aircraft from Russian;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to upgrade the facilities at Naval Aircraft Yard at Kochi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Contract for limited upgrade of Sea Harrier aircraft was concluded with M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd in March 2005. The limited upgrade is expected to be completed by September 2008.

(c) & (d): Contract for procurement of MiG 29K and MiG 29 KUB aircraft was concluded with FSUE RAC MiG, Russia in January 2004. The aircraft are expected to be delivered by November 2008.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.